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NEWS RELEASE

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October record month for Oroville Station

OROVILLE, Wash. -- October 9, 2002, U.S. Border Patrol Agents from the Oroville Station apprehended a Canadian citizen attempting to smuggle 205 lbs. of marijuana (BC bud) near Chesaw, Wash. The marijuana is valued at \$1,025,000

October 10, 2002, Border Patrol Agents apprehended a Korean national attempting to smuggle 14 Korean nationals into the U.S. near Molson, Wash. The suspects were in a large motor home.

October 28, 2002, Border Patrol Agents apprehended a Canadian citizen attempting to smuggle 37 lbs. of marijuana (BC bud) near Chesaw, Wash. A Ferry County Sheriffs Deputy assisted the agents. The marijuana is valued at \$185,000.

October 31, 2002, Border Patrol Agents apprehended a Canadian citizen attempting to smuggle 98 lbs. of marijuana (BC bud) on Eastlake Road, near Oroville, Wash. An Omak Police Department officer assisted the agent. The marijuana is valued at \$490,000.

All three narcotics cases were turned over to the Spokane office of the Drug Enforcement Agency for prosecution. The alien smuggling case was presented to the U.S. Attorney for prosecution in Federal District Court.

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